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RE: IN THE MATTER OF QWEST CORPORATION'S TARIFF FILING TO
INTRODUCE A NEW SERVICE KNOWN AS NUMBER FORWARDING
(DOCKET NO. T-01051B-01-0282)

On April 3, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed tariff revisions to introduce Number Forwarding Service. Qwest proposes to include the service as a Price Cap Plan Basket 3 service. This filing is one of three that Qwest filed on April 3, 2001, that seek approval of new offerings under terms of the Price Cap Plan approved by the Commission in Decision No. 63487, dated March 30, 2001. Under the terms of the Plan, Qwest's services are grouped into three Baskets with different levels of pricing flexibility granted to each. Qwest proposes to include the proposed service in Basket 3, giving it the greatest degree of pricing flexibility for a service permitted under the Price Cap Plan. Current Basket 3 services are those that have been classified as competitive under A.A.C. R14-2-1108 or have been granted flexible pricing by the Commission.

Number Forwarding Service would allow a subscriber to have call to a number (not associated with an actual telephone line) forwarded to a Voice Mail Box in association with Qwest's proposed Anywhere Voice Mail Service or to a telephone number associated with a telephone line. Because Qwest proposes to include Number Forwarding Service in Basket 3, Staff requested that Qwest provide it with that information that it used to assess the extent to which the service is competitive. Staff is required to consider the extent to which a service is competitive in developing its recommendation on Qwest proposals to include services in Basket 3.

Staff has not completed its evaluation of the competitiveness of the proposed service and, therefore, recommends that the filing be suspended for a period of ninety days.

Deborah R. Scott
Director
Utilities Division

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1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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3 JIM IRVIN

Commissioner

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Commissioner

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6 IN THE MATTER OF QWEST CORPORATION'S)
TARIFF TO INTRODUCE A NEW SERVICE)
7 KNOWN AS NUMBER FORWARDING)

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-01-0282

DECISION NO. _____

8 ORDER

9 Open Meeting

May 1 and 2, 2001

10 Phoenix, Arizona

11 BY THE COMMISSION:

12 FINDINGS OF FACT

13 1. On April 3, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed tariff revisions to introduce
14 Number Forwarding.

15 2. Qwest proposes to include the service as a Price Cap Plan Basket 3 service. This filing
16 is one of three that Qwest filed on April 3, 2001, that seek approval of new offerings under terms of
17 the Price Cap Plan approved by the Commission in Decision No. 63487, dated March 30, 2001.

18 3. Under the terms of the Plan, Qwest's services are grouped into three Baskets with
19 different levels of pricing flexibility granted to each. Qwest proposes to include the proposed service
20 in Basket 3, giving it the greatest degree of pricing flexibility for a service permitted under the Price
21 Cap Plan. Current Basket 3 services are those that have been classified as competitive under A.A.C.
22 R14-2-1108 or have been granted flexible pricing by the Commission.

23 4. Number Forwarding Service would allow a subscriber to have call to a number (not
24 associated with an actual telephone line) forwarded to a Voice Mail Box in association with Qwest's
25 proposed Anywhere Voice Mail Service or to a telephone number associated with a telephone line.
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1 Qwest provide it with that information that it used to assess the extent to which the service is
2 competitive. Staff is required to consider the extent to which a service is competitive in developing
3 its recommendation on Qwest proposals to include services in Basket 3.

4 5. Staff has not completed its evaluation of the competitiveness of the proposed service
5 and therefore recommends that the filing be suspended for a period of ninety days.

6 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7 1. Qwest is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV,
8 Section 2 of the Arizona Constitution.

9 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Qwest and over the subject matter of the
10 application

11 3. The Commission having reviewed the application and Staff's Memorandum dated April
12 17, 2001, concludes that it is in the public interest to suspend the filing for a period of ninety days.

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ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the filing be and hereby is suspended for a period of ninety days.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this _____ day of _____, 2001.

BRIAN C. McNEIL
Executive Secretary

DISSENT: _____

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